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THE CHAIRMAN

June 30, 2014

The Honorable Derek Kilmer  
U.S. House of Representatives  
1429 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Kilmer:

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The Honorable Steve King  
U.S. House of Representatives  
2210 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

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The Honorable Ann Kirkpatrick  
U.S. House of Representatives  
330 Cannon House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congresswoman Kirkpatrick:

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137 Cannon House Office Building  
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U.S. House of Representatives  
506 Cannon House Office Building  
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2402 Rayburn House Office Building  
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The Honorable Tom Latham  
U.S. House of Representatives  
2217 Rayburn House Office Building  
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2448 Rayburn House Office Building  
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U.S. House of Representatives  
1527 Longworth House Office Building  
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1541 Longworth House Office Building  
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The Honorable Frank Lucas  
U.S. House of Representatives  
2311 Rayburn House Office Building  
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The Honorable Blaine Luetkemeyer  
U.S. House of Representatives  
2440 Rayburn House Office Building  
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